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NEBRASKA CAREER EDUCATION STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

One hundred and six Nebraska Career Education students were recognized in November for national awards they received earlier this year.

Gov. Dave Heineman and Nebraska Deputy Commissioner of Education Scott Swisher recognized Nebraska Career Education students who received first, second, third place or finalist awards during national leadership and skills competition held by their respective Career Student Organizations. Students were recognized Nov. 21 at the Nebraska State Capitol Rotunda. The following students are members of DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, FEA, FFA, HOSA, PBL and SkillsUSA. All of these organizations are members of the Center for Student Leadership at the Nebraska Department of Education.

DECA Award winners:

- Nealesh Padhye of Lincoln Southwest High School
- Madisenne Loftus-Hanzek and Abbey Schnebel of Millard South High School
- Ke Arkfeld of Westside High School
- Mason Allen, Shayla Howard and Kira Northrop of Bellevue West High School

DECA is an international organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs in the areas of marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

FBLA Award winners:

- Ashley Quiring of Heartland High School
- Jenna Woitaszewski of Wood River High School
- Danielle Carpenter and Lindsey Eubanks of Cambridge High School
- Amy Chin of Lakeview High School
- Tyler Wellman of Syracuse High School
- Kendra Nebel and Lauren Schneider of Raymond Central High School
- Ryan Erskine, Bill Spilker and Curtis Reynolds of Tri County High School
- James McDonald, Joel Ratzlaff and Maggie Schneider of Aurora High School
- Amy Chen of Gibbon High School
- Adam Britten and Josiah Hood of Bellevue West High School
- Jessica Hansen of Dorchester High School

FBLA, Future Business Leaders of America, provides career development programs for students interested in business administration, management, finance and information technology careers.

FCCLA Award winners:

- Hanna Wright, Erin Keetie and Joselyn Lemm of Neligh-Oakdale High School
- Justine Bauer, Kiley Geis, Olivia Hubbard, Angela Burkey, Kaydra Brodine, Luke Ourada, Casi Sutherland, Anna Ourada, Aisha Bourke and Leah Marshall of Elm Creek High School
- Sydney Tillotson of Kearney High School
- Hunter Timmons and Riley Garey of Medicine Valley High School
- Carissa Pollock of Plainview High School
- Shasta Hilker of Cambridge High School
- Shelby Stultz of St. Edward High School
- Sheri Sorensen and Sarah Smith of Creighton High School
- Brian Hoover, principal of Nebraska City High School
- West Point-Beemer FCCLA Chapter
- Howells-Clarkson FCCLA Chapter
- Neligh-Oakdale FCCLA Chapter

FCCLA, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, is a national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through family and consumer science education.

FEA Award winners:

- Crystal Ishii of Omaha Burke High School

FEA, Future Educators Association, is an international student organization dedicated to supporting young people interested in education-related careers.

FFA Award winners:

- Megan Rice and Gretchen Kroese of Norris High School
- Anders Olson of Tekamah-Herman High School
- Dillon Ochsner of Sutton High School
- Austin Mann of Crofton High School
- Andrew Largen of Creighton High School
- Luke Zeisler of West Boyd High School
- Cody Jensen, Cameron Johnson, Dalton Dozier, Jacob Burr, Derek Weiler, Sam Varney and Patrick Arkfeld of Syracuse-Dunbar-Avoca High School
- Eric Miller of Lyons-Decatur Northeast High School
- Fairbury FFA Chapter

FFA is an organization of agricultural education students preparing for careers in agriculture, food and natural resources.

HOSA Award winners

- Natalia Benavides of Kearney High School

HOSA, Health Occupations Students of America, is a national student organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in the health care industry.

SkillsUSA Award winners:

- Dan Murphy, Chris Waszgis, Lane Cerny, Tayler Howell, Elise DeMaranville, Zach Pechacek, Andrew Wike and Mike Walding of Metropolitan Community College in Omaha
- Alex Hansen, Carlos Romero, Madison Doughty, Peter Lopez, Ross Rasmussen, Ronald VanDonk, Charlie Wilkinson and Nick Wilkinson of North Platte High School

- Ryan Boetger, Ryan Dauel, Lucas Boshart and Brandon Vernon of Southeast Community College in Lincoln
- Zachary Bruick, Carl Heinicke, Emily Thrailkill, Shane Sloup and Bryce VanVelson of Seward High School
- Austin Kay of Wayne State College
- Andrew Beckman of Northeast Community College
- Kevin Sturm of Southeast Community College in Milford

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students who are enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and tech prep.

Phi Beta Lambda Award winners:

- Gabe Williamson, Joel Jantzen, Erica Lam, Cole Malmberg, Shelbi Svoboda and Katie Weander of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Susan Duval, Christopher Fenwick and Michele Wenthold of North Platte Community College
- Peter Raun of the University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Will Fogle, Mike Mulroney and Elizabeth McKim of Peru State College
- Krystal Anderson and Trisha Rickel of McCook Community College

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate division of the FBLA-PBL association, which prepares members for careers in business or business-related occupations.